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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

Join Dr. Savage's ENVS203 class at 2:00pm in Daniel 204 on Friday for guest speaker, Thrainn Fridriksson, geothermal energy specialist, for Geothermal Energy in Iceland and Developing Countries: What is its place among renewables?



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Happy Cow Creamery

On Wednesday, Dr. Brewitt's ENVS 101 class drove down winding roads through outrageous fall leaves to Pelzer, South Carolina, where they learned about sustainable dairy farming at the Happy Cow Creamery. 2015 South Carolina Farmer of the year Tom Trantham, who makes (or really, whose cows make) the finest milk in the world, told the class the story of how he moved from conventional, chemical-intensive dairy farming to a system that keeps milk drinkers and cows, well, happy. He calls his approach Twelve Aprils, where he plants and tends his fields, using a combination of manure spreading and bush-hogging, in such a way that the cows graze in April conditions every month. The class tried Happy Cow milk in normal, chocolate, and strawberry versions. Each was delicious. They also indulged in some ice cream from the farm store, and made friends with the Happy Cow cat and dogs. A great day in the field.



*Scenes from the Halloween Party at the Goodall Center
Thanks to Karen Gravely'16 for organizing the party
and to Dr. Gerald Thurmond for sharing his snakes!*

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- November 6th**
2:00pm *Thrainn Fridriksson (Práinn Friðriksson) Visit:* Please join Dr. Savage's ENVS203 class in Daniel 204 to hear this Icelandic energy specialist talk about *Geothermal Energy in Iceland and Developing Countries: What is its place among renewables?*
- November 14th**
9:00am *Northside Community Teaching Farm:* Help build tiny, mobile structures for the homeless during the *Project No One Left in the Cold – Tiny Shelter Workshop*. Visit their Facebook page for more information and a list of materials needed:
<https://www.facebook.com/northsidecommunitypermaculture/>
- November 14th**
9:30am-2:00pm *Adopt-A-Stream Chemical/Bacterial Workshop:* The workshops will teach the basics of stream water chemistry, how to conduct the chemical tests using hand-held field equipment, and how to monitor E. coli levels for water quality. Workshop location: USC Upstate Campus. Registration/information:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adopt-a-stream-chemical-bacterial-workshop-tickets-18679955249>
- November 16-19th**
7:00pm *3rd Annual Wofford Environmental Film Festival:* These environmental films have appeared in nationally recognized festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival and the Environmental Film Festival in the nation's capital. Each night's screening, in Olin Teaching Theater, includes either a feature-length environmental film or a series of shorts. Screenings are followed by brief discussions led by student panels. Stay tuned for more information on each event!
- November 19th**
6:00pm *Grand Opening for the Glendale Shoals Labryinth:* Students in Philosophy in Action LLC have created a 40ft labyrinth along the walking trail at Glendale Shoals. Please join them for this opening event!
- Ongoing** *The Grassroots Jobsource at Orion Magazine* connects the green leaders of tomorrow with good work today. Visit <http://jobs.orionmagazine.org/> for job postings.

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PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

American University – MA in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

American University's MA program in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development is a dual-degree program with the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace in Costa Rica. American University offers an MA in International Affairs, and the University for Peace in Costa Rica offers an MA in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development. This unique program offers students the opportunity to learn about environmental and development policies from the perspectives of both the South and North.

According to their website the two-year program schedule is: "Students spend their first semester at American

University learning the foundations of sustainable development policy both inside the classroom and within the Washington, D.C. policy community. They spend the next two semesters at the UN-affiliated University for Peace studying concrete practices and tracking international efforts toward sustainable development. During their summer at UPEACE students must complete an internship. They return to AU for their final semester, during which they write a substantial research paper, participate in an integrative seminar and complete their final courses."

Visit their website for more information -

<http://www.american.edu/sis/sisabroad/graddual/UPeace.cfm>